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Religious Books in Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to include Gita, Vedas and other religious books in the school curriculum;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the rationale behind including these books in the school education;

(c) whether the Government propose to frame new education policy in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to maintain secular character of Indian education system?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) There is no such proposal under consideration by the Ministry.

(c) The Government has initiated the consultation process of formulating a New Education Policy to meet the changing dynamics of the population's requirement with regard to quality education, innovation and research.

(d) The National Curriculum Framework, 2005 states that in a pluralistic society like ours, it is important that all regions and social groups are able to relate to the textbooks. The Social Sciences carry a normative responsibility of creating a strong sense of human values, namely freedom, trust, mutual respect and respect for diversity.